

for receiving information from a ticket issued by another operator and for transmitting to the first means authorisation to render said service according to the information obtained and processed in a manner specific to the consulate means.

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2. (Amended) A system according to Claim 1, wherein the service authorisation is dependent on the prior performance of a transaction.

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3. (Amended) A system according to Claim 1 wherein the methods of processing information by the first means and the consulate means are concealed with respect to each other.

4. (Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein the consulate means is physically included in the first means.

5. (Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein the consulate means is physically external to the first means.

6. (Amended) A system according to claim 1 further including a central unit and a set of remote stations to acquire the content of the tickets and to perform the transactions, which remote stations are connected to the central unit by first transmission circuits.

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7. (Amended) A system according to Claim 6, wherein each remote station comprises a consulate.

8. (Amended) A system according to claim 6 wherein the central unit comprises second transmission circuits for transmitting to the central unit of the other operator the data corresponding to the transactions effected on behalf of said other operator.

9. (Amended) A system according to claim 6 wherein the central unit comprises third transmission circuits for transmitting from the central unit of the other operator to the consulate means the information concerning the methods of processing, by the consulate means, of the information carried by the ticket.

10. (Amended) A system according to claim 6 wherein said services pertain to a common transportation system and the remote stations are validators for access to transportation vehicles, the information carried by the tickets being read by the validators.

11. (Amended) A system according to Claim 10, wherein the tickets are information carriers such as tickets with a magnetic strip, plastic or cardboard, or contact or contactless smart cards.

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12. (Amended) A system according to claim 6 wherein the services pertain to a mobile telephony system and the remote stations are base stations in mobile telephony networks, the information carried by the tickets being read by mobile telephones and transmitted to the base stations.

13. (Amended) A system according to Claim 12, wherein the tickets are in portable telephone form with associated mobile telephony smart card.

14. (Amended) A system according to claim 6 wherein the services pertain to a banking system and the remote stations are dispensing terminals, the information carried by the tickets being read by the dispensing terminals.

15. (Amended) A system according to Claim 14, wherein the tickets are in the form of credit cards, with a chip or magnetic tape.

16. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the services pertain to systems with different purposes.

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